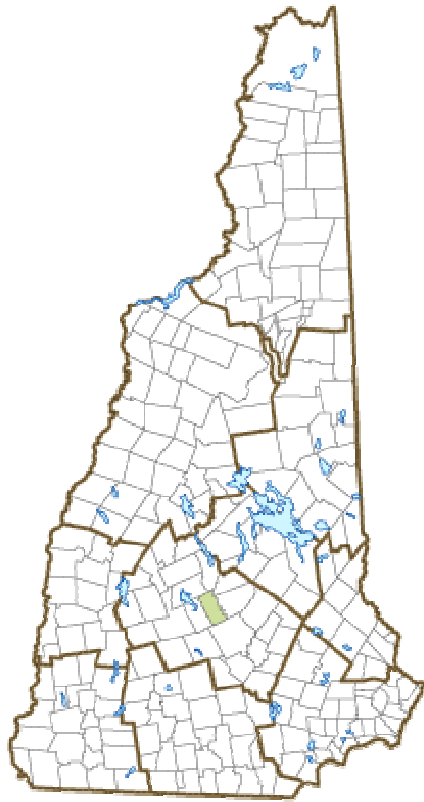


# Boscawen, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Wednesday, 4 pm - 6 pm; Town Administrator,**  
**Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday through Friday,**  
**8:30 am - 11 am, 12 noon - 4:30 pm**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Merrimack**  
**Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA**  
**Merrimack Valley**  
**Central NH Regional**  
**Capital Regional Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

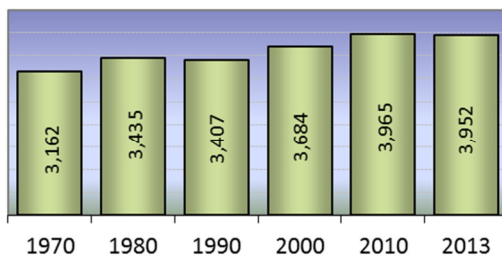
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**Merrimack County Districts 8, 26**

**Incorporated: 1760**

**Origin:** This community was originally granted in 1732 as Contoocook, after the river of the same name. In 1760, the town was incorporated as Boscawen, in honor of an English admiral, Edward Boscawen, who fought under General Amherst in the conquest of Canada. Admiral Boscawen was responsible for the capture of the fortress at Louisbourg, Nova Scotia. The Contoocook Fort on the Merrimack, one of the first log forts constructed for protection against the Indians, was built here in 1739. In July 1997, the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery was established by legislature in Boscawen on 104 acres previously used as a state forest.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,108 residents in 1790



**Population Trends:** Population change for Boscawen totaled 1,771 over 53 years, from 2,181 in 1960 to 3,952 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was between 1960 and 1970, when the population increased by 45 percent. The 2013 Census estimate for Boscawen was 3,952 residents, which ranked 95th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau):** 159.0 persons per square mile of land area. Boscawen contains 24.9 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$3,689,925	
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Zoning Ordinance		1973/10	
Master Plan		2002	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board/CNHRPC	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Library		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Parks & Recreation; Public Works; AG Comm; Police Comm		
Public Library	Boscawen Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Private, part-time & volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord		8 miles	237
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Northeast Power	
Natural Gas Supplier		Liberty Utilities	
Water Supplier		Penacook/Boscawen Precinct	
Sanitation		Private septic & municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Met Tel	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Limited
		Residential	Limited
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$27.06	
2013 Equalization Ratio		100.5	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$26.72	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		83.9%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		12.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		1,517	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		952	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		180	
Five or More Units in Structure		109	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		276	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2013	3,952		146,807
2010	3,965		146,445
2000	3,684		136,716
1990	3,407		120,618
1980	3,435		98,302
1970	3,162		80,925
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,878	Female	2,074
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			276
Age 5 to 19			516
Age 20 to 34			855
Age 35 to 54			837
Age 55 to 64			582
Age 65 and over			886
Median Age			46.5 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			88.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			13.3%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Per capita income			\$24,158
Median family income			\$56,944
Median household income			\$50,083
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$44,000
Female			\$42,317
Individuals below the poverty level			14.6%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2003		2013
Civilian labor force	1,891		1,963
Employed	1,803		1,858
Unemployed	88		105
Unemployment rate	4.7%		5.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003		2013
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	293		271
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 825		\$1,012
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	411		386
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 548		\$ 842
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	704		657
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 663		\$ 912
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	62		762
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 557		\$ 718
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	766		1,418
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 655		\$ 808

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Merrimack Valley Regional (Andover, Boscowen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, Webster)</b>			District: <b>SAU 46</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Concord Regional Technology Center</b>			Region: <b>11</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>265</b>			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Northeast Catholic College; New England; UNH School of Law**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **95**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Merrimack County Nursing Home & Jail	Nursing home, correctional facility	450	1800
Elektrisola, Inc.	Copper magnet wire	189	1976
National Lumber	Retail building materials & contractor sales	150	1933
Ross Express	Trucking firm	60	1947
Alan's Restaurant	Restaurant & catering	37	1984
Town of Boscowen	Municipal services	24	1733
KSD	Custom windows, doors	15	1989
Colby Lumber Company	Soft, hardwood lumber	12	1947
All States Asphalt	Sales & application of liquid asphalt	10	1956

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	<b>3, 4</b>
	State Routes	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-93, Exit 17</b>	
Distance	<b>2 miles</b>	
Railroad	<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Concord Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>6,005 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>29 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	<b>25 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine	<b>117 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.	<b>76 miles</b>	
New York City, NY	<b>281 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec	<b>249 miles</b>	

**COMMUTING TO WORK***(ACS 2009-2013)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>82.5%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>7.8%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.3%</b>
Walked	<b>0.0%</b>
Other means	<b>2.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>7.0%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>32.4 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013**

Working in community of residence	<b>32.9</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>52.6</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>14.5</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Hannah Dustin Memorial; River Canoeing; NH State Veterans Cemetery; Merrimack County Facilities; Seasonal farm stands</b>